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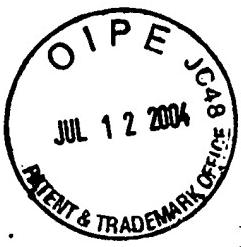
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Applicant wishes to advise the Examiner that an interlayer was constructed and placed on a roadway near San Jose, Illinois in 1998. This interlayer had a flexural beam fatigue of 26,138 cycles at 2000 microstrain, 15°C, and 10 Hz and a Hveem stability of 18.4 at 60°C and 50 gyrations. Applicant received money for placing this interlayer.

Applicant wishes to advise the Examiner that an interlayer was constructed and placed on a roadway near St. Joseph, Missouri in 1998. This interlayer had a flexural beam fatigue of 66,932 cycles at 2000 microstrain, 15°C, and 10 Hz and a Hveem stability of 18.1 at 60°C and 50 gyrations. Applicant received money for placing this interlayer.

Applicant wishes to advise the Examiner that another interlayer was constructed and placed on a roadway near San Jose, Illinois in 1998. This interlayer had a flexural beam fatigue of 138,775 cycles at 2000 microstrain, 15°C, and 10 Hz and a Hveem stability of 15.5 at 60°C and 50 gyrations. Applicant received money for placing this interlayer.

Applicant wishes to advise the Examiner that an interlayer was constructed and placed on a roadway in Orange, Texas in 1999. This project included Section 1 and Section 2.

Section 1 interlayer had a flexural beam fatigue of 894,786 cycles at 2000 microstrain, 20°C, and 10 Hz and a Hveem stability of 14.1 at 60°C and 50 gyrations. Applicant received money for placing this interlayer. Section 2 interlayer had a flexural beam fatigue of 672,381 cycles at 2000 microstrain, 20°C, and 10 Hz and a Hveem stability of 16.4 at 60°C and 50 gyrations. Applicant received money for placing this interlayer.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references and other information be made of record in the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as claimed is patentable over the listed references and other information.

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

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OTHER REFERENCES – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

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